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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
IMPLICATION DE PINIES' REMARKS, EVEN IF, AS SEEMS LIKELY
DE PINIES SPOKE OFF THE CUFF AND NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD REGISTER USG PROTEST ORALLY WITH MFA,
RATHER THAN BY NOTE. IN DOING SO, EMBASSY SHOULD (A)
MENTION REMARKS REPORTED IN MADRID PRESS, IN ADDITION
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TO THOSE COVERED REF (A)(SINCE IT UNLIKELY WE WILL

EVER HAVE ACCESS TO VERBATIM RECORD); (B) REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF OFFICIAL GOS POLICY; AND (C) EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT SUCH REMARKS, WHICH WE CONSIDER TO HAVE BEEN MOST UNFORTUNATE, WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN ANY FORUM IN THE FUTURE.

3. INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA ONE REF (B) SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE. IN ADDITION, FOLLOWING BACKGROUND SHOULD BE USED CONCERNING NUCLEAR WARSHIP OPERATIONS: AS THE GOS IS AWARE THROUGH ITS MONITORING EFFORT AT ROTA, US NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS HAVE

VISITED OR OPERATED FROM SPANISH PORTS FOR OVER 10 YEARS WITHOUT HAVING CAUSED ANY MEASURABLE INCREASE IN THE GENERAL BACKGROUND RADIOACTIVITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT. FURTHERMORE, NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES HAVE NOT CALLED AT THE PORT OF GIBRALTAR SINCE 1960, ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT SUCH VISITS, SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO APPROVAL OF LOCAL GIBRALTARIAN AUTHORITIES. SINCE 1965 THE US HAS SUPPLIED TO GOS SEDIMENT SAMPLES FROM ROTA HARBOR FOR SPANISH ANALYSIS. IN ADDITION THE US PROVIDES GOS ANNUALLY WITH THE RESULTS OF US ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM AT ROTA. BOTH US AND GOS ANALYSES HAVE CONSISTENTLY VERIFIED THAT THESE NPW OPERATIONS HAVE NOT AFFECTED THE ENVIRONMENT. DE PINIES' ASSERTIONS THEREFORE REFLECT EQUALLY ADVERSELY ON COMPETENCE OF GOS AND US MONITORING PROGRAMS.

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS DE PINIES' REMARKS INFORMALLY WITH APPROPRIATE SPANISH NAVY PERSONNEL TO INSURE THEY AWARE OF OUR POSITION AND THAT MFA DOES NOT NEGLECT" SN INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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